

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, and 10 have been canceled, Claims 3-9 and 11-17 have been amended, and Claims 18-26 have been added. Claims 3-9 and 11-26 are pending in the application. Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims.

Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83 because the drawings do not show "the guide means defining at least two locking positions" in Claim 2 and "the guide means connection of the first housing component and the second housing component in an electrically conductive manner" in Claim 10.

Applicants have canceled Claims 2 and 10, and therefore, this objection is moot. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this objection.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected Claims 2 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph because "the guide means defining at least two locking positions" in Claim 2 and "the guide means connection of the first housing component and the second housing component in an electrically conductive manner" in Claim 10 are not described in the description nor shown in the drawings in a way to enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the invention.

Applicants have canceled Claims 2 and 10, and, therefore, this rejection is moot. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

The Examiner rejected Claims 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, because there is insufficient antecedent basis for "the insertion direction," "the plug-in direction," and "the second charging position" language. Applicants have amended Claims 15-17 to address this rejection. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

The Examiner rejected Claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, because the phrase "such that" is indefinite. Applicants have amended Claim 11 to address this rejection. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

The Examiner further rejected Claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, because the phrase "transport position" does not make technical sense. Applicants respectfully disagree. Throughout the Specification, Applicants have described various positions of the transformer 1 based on an "insertion direction" and a "plug-in direction," that indicate the positions of the first housing component and the second housing component with respect to each other. A person of ordinary skill in the art can understand that the transport position refers

to the position of the first housing component and the second housing component with respect to each other when using an "insertion direction" and a "plug-in direction". Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10, 14, and 16-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,628,641 ("Hahn").

Applicants have canceled Claims 1, 2, and 10, therefore this rejection is moot with respect to those claims. Claims 6-8, 14, and 16-17 have been amended to depend from newly Independent Claim 5, which the Examiner has indicated to be allowable. Accordingly, Claims 6-8, 14, and 16-17 are allowable.

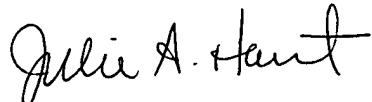
Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claims 5, 9, and 12-13 are allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and that Claim 15 is allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, entry of the present Amendment and allowance of Claims 3-9 and 11-26 are respectfully requested. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation during normal business hours.

Respectfully submitted,



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